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WHEN A NEW INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES MANIFESTS THE ABILITY TO PROFILE THE FUTURE, THE SUPERHUMAN COMMUNITY IS SPLIT AS TO WHETHER HIS POWER IS AN ASSET OR A DANGER.

THIS QUESTION IS ESPECIALLY RELEVANT TO THE X-MEN: TERRIGEN MISTS CIRCLE THE GLOBE, IGNITING THE INHUMAN RACE WHILE CRIPPLING MUTANTKIND—CUTTING DOWN THEIR NUMBERS AND SUPPRESSING NEW MUTANT MANIFESTATIONS. WHILE STORM AND HER TEAM OF X-MEN HAVE ALREADY JOINED IN THE USE OF ULYSSES' ABILITIES TO PREVENT MAJOR DISASTERS, MAGNETO SEES HIM AS A HARBINGER OF INHUMAN SUPREMACY AND THE FINAL NAIL IN MUTANTKIND'S COFFIN...

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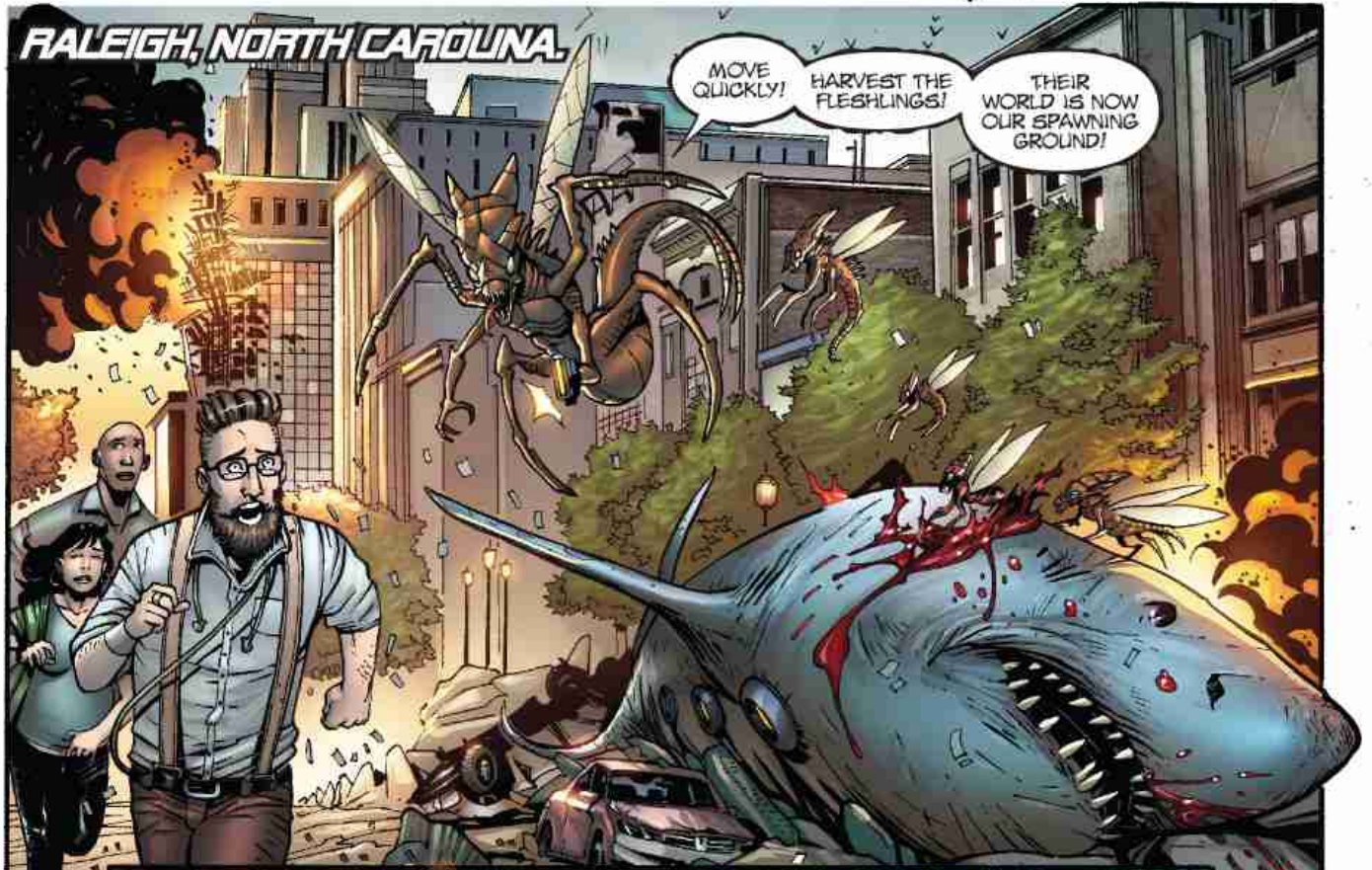
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MOVE QUICKLY!

HARVEST THE FLESHLINGS!

THEIR WORLD IS NOW OUR SPAWNING GROUND!



NOOO!
NOOOOO!



WHY DO YOU FIGHT, FLESHLINGS?

THE BROOD HIVE WILL THRIVE.

WE WILL NOT BE--



YEAH, YEAH.

WE'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE.





I WAS THINKING I HAD LITTLE CHOICE.

MAGNETO WAS GOING TO FIND OUT ABOUT ULYSSES SOONER OR LATER.

WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD...WITH THE GROWING TENSIONS BETWEEN THE INHUMANS AND MUTANTS...

...AN INHUMAN WITH THE POWER TO PROFILE THE FUTURE WASN'T GOING TO STAY UNDER THE RADAR FOR LONG.



I'VE GOT ENOUGH ON MY PLATE RIGHT NOW WITHOUT MAGNETO BRINGING HIS BRAND OF CRAZY TO THE GAME.

EVERYBODY'S GOT AN INTEREST IN ULYSSES.

HE'S ALREADY BEEN KIDNAPPED ONCE-- BY TONY STARK. NO LESS-- AND NEW ATTILAN WAS NONE TOO PLEASED ABOUT THAT.

IF MAGNETO--

YOU'RE NOT SUGGESTING THAT HE WOULD MAKE A PLAY FOR ULYSSES?

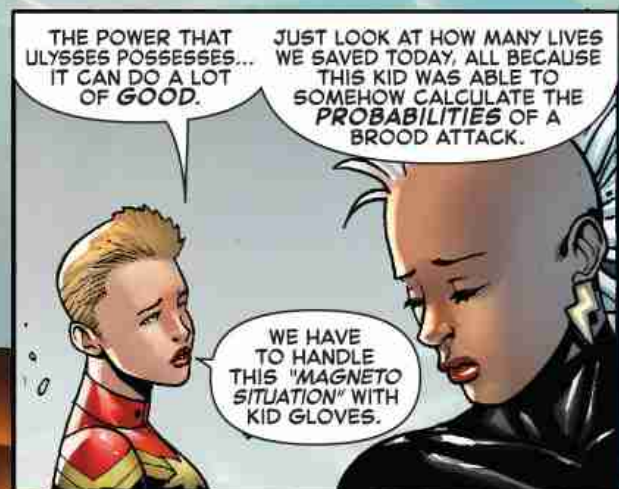
MAGNETO MUST KNOW THAT THE INHUMANS WOULD HOLD MORE THAN JUST HIM ACCOUNTABLE.

WOULD THAT STOP HIM?



KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, STORM.

MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING WE'LL ALL REGRET.



"TREAT HIM
LIKE ONE."

WAR ROOM X. THE SAVAGE LAND.

HE'S
TELLING THE
TRUTH.

NIGHTCRAWLER'S
HERE ON HIS OWN,
NOT AT STORM'S
REQUEST.

PSYLOCKE.

THANKS
FOR ALLOWING
ME TO SCAN
YOUR THOUGHTS,
KURT.

I KNOW
IT'S NOT A
COMFORTABLE
SITUATION.

IT'S
ALL RIGHT,
ELIZABETH.

IT
SADDENS ME,
THOUGH...

...THAT
TRUST BETWEEN
MUTANTS IS IN SUCH
SHORT SUPPLY
THESE DAYS.

MY RESERVOIRS
OF TRUST RAN DRY
ABOUT THE TIME MY
FELLOW MUTANTS
STARTED SIDING WITH
OUR ENEMIES ABOVE
THEIR OWN KIND.

IN SHORT,
A LONG, LONG
TIME AGO.

NIGHTCRAWLER.

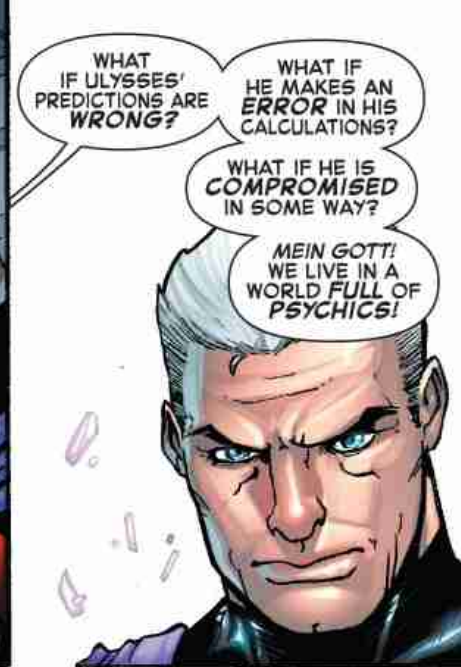
MAGNETO.





WE
KNOW NEXT
TO NOTHING
ABOUT ULYSSES'
POWER...

...ONLY WHAT
THE INHUMANS
HAVE DEEMED
TO TELL US.



WHAT
IF ULYSSES'
PREDICTIONS ARE
WRONG?

WHAT IF
HE MAKES AN
ERROR IN HIS
CALCULATIONS?

WHAT IF HE IS
COMPROMISED
IN SOME WAY?

MEIN GOTT!
WE LIVE IN A
WORLD FULL OF
PSYCHICS!



IF ULYSSES
PREDICTS THAT
THANOS MIGHT COME
TO EARTH, THEN OUR
COURSE OF ACTION
IS CLEAR.

BUT WHAT
IF HE PREDICTS
THAT A YOUNG
MUTANT WILL GROW
UP TO BE A GLOBAL
THREAT?

WHAT DO
WE DO IN THAT
CASE?

DO WE IMPRISON
THE CHILD BASED ON
THE CALCULATIONS MADE
BY A **BOY** WHO IS ONLY
JUST LEARNING TO
CONTROL HIS
OWN GIFTS?



I DON'T
KNOW, ELF.

IF SOMEONE
COULD HAVE
GUESSED AT THE
THINGS I MIGHT
ONE DAY DO...

...IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
BETTER FOR 'EM
TO PUT ME
DOWN CLEAN.



WHAT
YOU **MIGHT**
DO.

MIGHT.

GOD DOES
NOT TRADE IN
UNCERTAINTY.



IT IS
A SLIPPERY
SLOPE.

EVEN IF WHAT
ULYSSES SEES IS
COMPLETELY ACCURATE...
WE RELY ON **PEOPLE**--
FLAWED, EVERY ONE OF
US--TO DECIDE HOW
TO ACT...

...OR NOT
ACT...

...WITH THE
INFORMATION
AT HAND.



ALREADY THE
BOY'S PREDICTIONS
HAVE PROVEN TRUE.
THEY'VE SAVED
LIVES.

MANY
WILL ACCEPT
ANYTHING HE
SAYS AT THIS
POINT.

THE INHUMANS
COULD COAX HIM
INTO MAKING **ANY**
ACCUSATION AND THE
REST OF THE WORLD
WOULD **BELIEVE**
HIM.

HE COULD
CONDEMN
MUTANTS WITH
ONLY A FEW WORDS.

WHATEVER YOU'RE THINKING, ERIK,
WE DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT
WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH.

YOU'RE
ASSUMING ULYSSES
WILL BE USED
AGAINST US.

ISN'T THAT
THE SORT OF
GUESSWORK
THAT KURT'S
WARNING US
ABOUT?



YOU WANT
A WAR WITH THE
INHUMANS?

PROCEED
CARELESSLY
AND YOU'LL
GET IT.



I HAVE NO
INTENTION OF ACTING
INCAUTIOUSLY.

UNLIKE THE
INHUMANS, I
DO NOT HAVE
THE BENEFIT OF
PROPHECY TO
GUIDE MY
HAND.

INSTEAD,
I MUST RELY
UPON...

"...RECONNAISSANCE."

NEW ATILAN.
THE INHUMAN CITY.

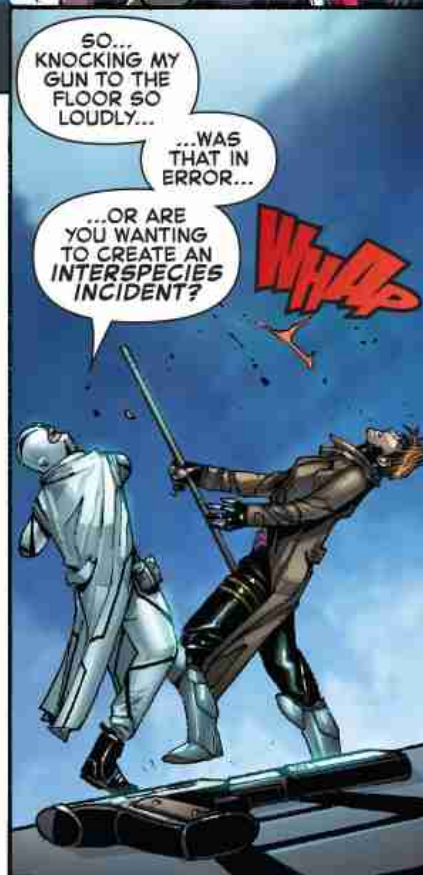




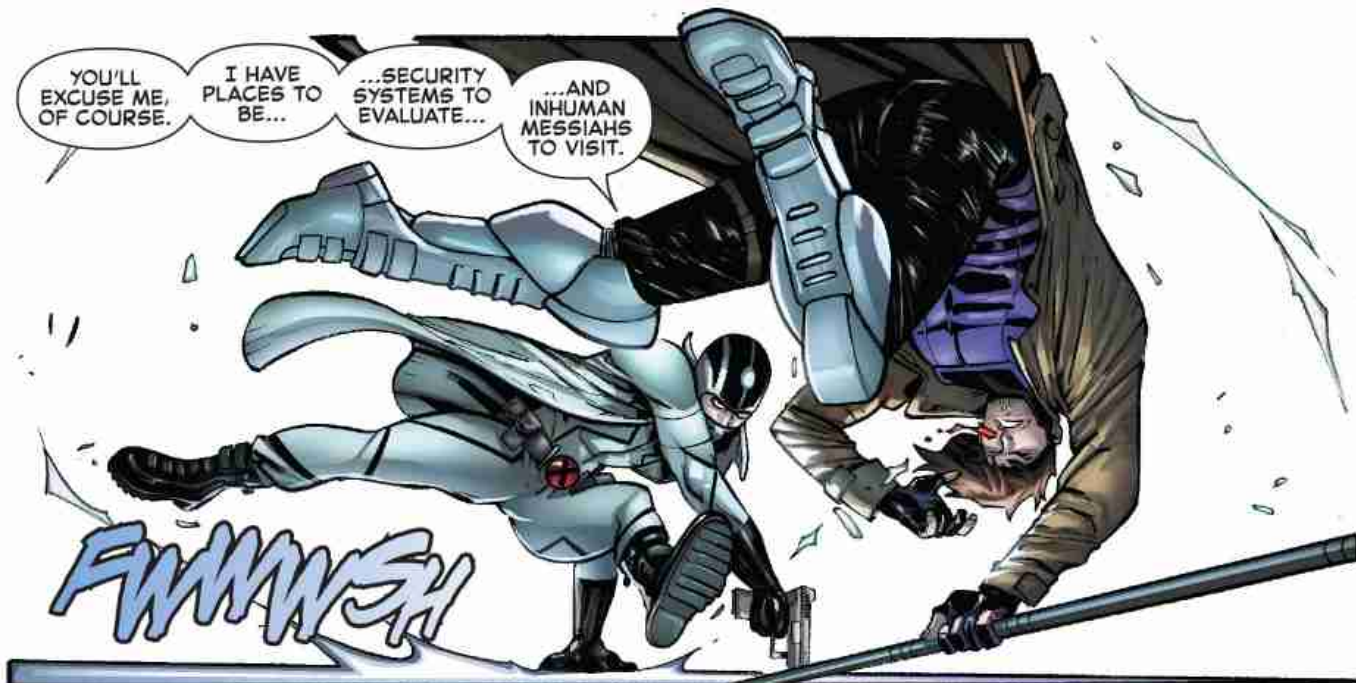
LOOK
AT US,
EH?

BOTH OF
US SNEAKING
AROUND WHERE
WE ARE NOT
WANTED.











--HERE.

JEAN--
ARE YOU
LISTENING?

I HEAR
YOU LOUD
AND CLEAR,
GAMBIT.

IT'S
TIME FOR ME
TO LEAVE, I
THINK.

SEND
NIGHTCRAWLER
FOR A
PICKUP--

I'M AFRAID
NIGHTCRAWLER'S
GONE AWOL.

SEND MAGIK,
THEN.

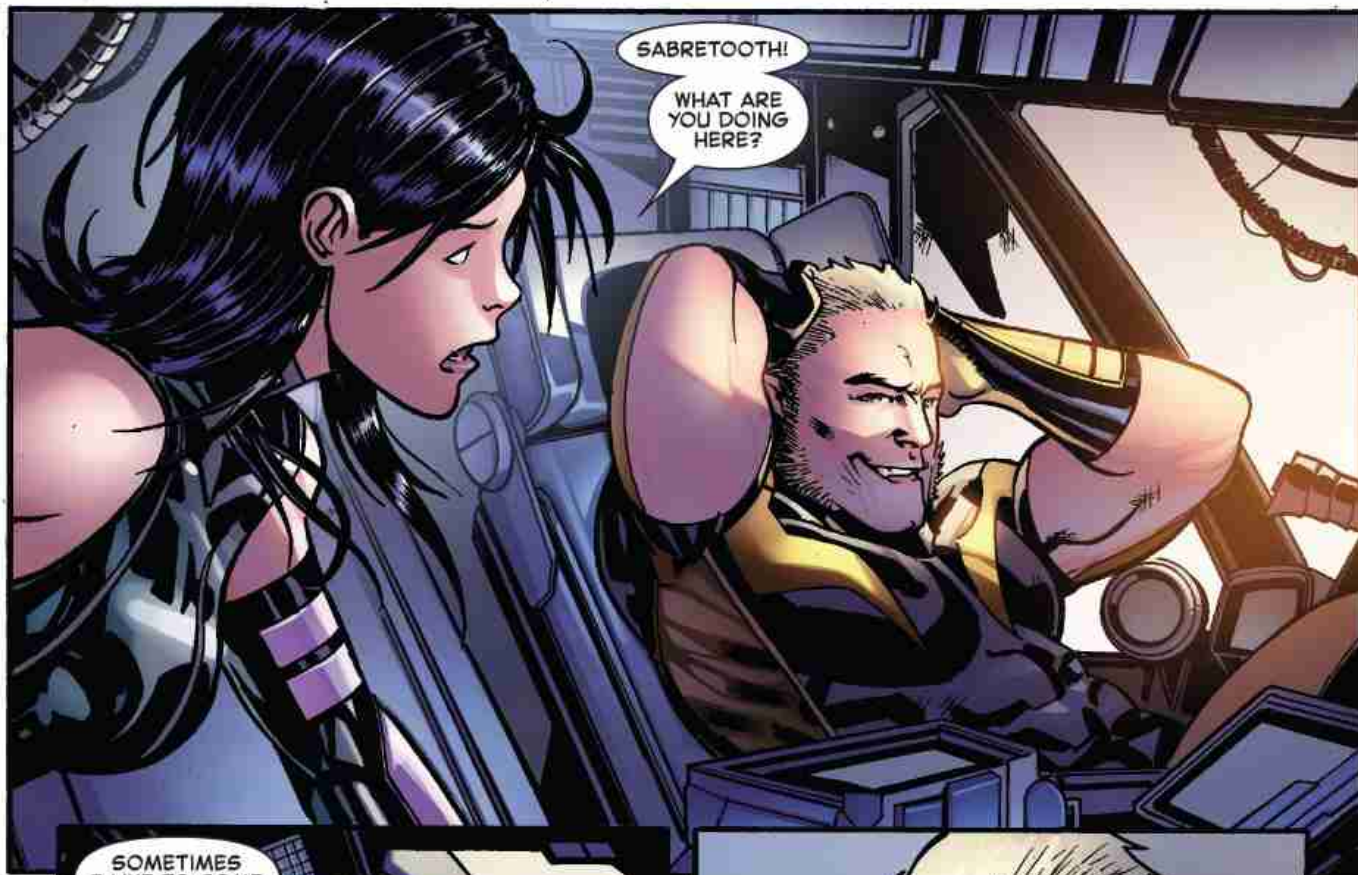
ATTILAN'S
ABOUT TO GET
TOO HOT FOR
THIS OL'
CAJUN.

I'M ON
IT.

AND,
JEAN?

"TELL STORM
SHE WAS RIGHT
TO SEND ME.





SABRETOOTH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?



SOMETIMES I LIKE TO COME OUT HERE...

...TO GET AWAY...

...TO ENJOY SOME PEACE AND QUIET.



BUT NO FAIR.

I ASKED YOU FIRST.



I--

I DON'T SUPPOSE THERE'S ANY POINT IN LYING TO YOU, IS THERE?

YOU'D SMELL IT.

(AN UNSETTLING THOUGHT, THAT.)



I'M LEAVING.

MAGNETO SENT SOMEONE TO NEW ATILAN.

HE SENT FANTOMEX, OF ALL THE WRETCHED PEOPLE.

WHETHER HE DISPATCHED HIM AS A SPY OR AN ASSASSIN, I DON'T KNOW.



AND HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

WHO HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO?



THAT DOESN'T
MATTER.
WHAT MATTERS
IS I CAN'T STAND BY
MAGNETO'S SIDE WHEN
HE'S TAKING ACTIONS
I DON'T AGREE
WITH.



DON'T AGREE
WITH...
...OR
DIDN'T KNOW
ABOUT?



IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
TRY TO STOP
ME...

...ONE OF
US IS ABOUT
TO HAVE A
VERY BAD
DAY.

RELAX. I'M
NOT GONNA
BRAWL WITH YOU...
NOT TODAY
ANYHOW.

FAR BE IT
FROM ME TO LET
MAGNETO'S PLANS
CHAFE YOUR
BACKSIDE.

EACH OF US
HAS TO DEAL WITH
OUR OPPOSITION TO
THE BOSS'S PLANS
IN OUR OWN
WAY.



IF YOU
DISAGREE WITH
HIM, WHY STAY
BY HIS SIDE?

HMPH.

WHO
ELSE WOULD
HAVE ME?

ARE YOU
GOING TO
TELL HIM I'M
STEALING THE
BLACKBIRD?



COME
ON NOW,
FRAIL.
KNOWING
MAGNETO...



"...HE PROBABLY KNEW YOU WERE LEAVING BEFORE YOU KNEW YOURSELF."



PSYLOCKE'S FLOUNCHED OFF ON HER OWN.



SHOULD I BRING HER BACK?

NO. LET HER GO.

I'LL NOT HOLD HER HERE AGAINST HER WILL.



YOU REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT SHE'S BEEN IN CONTACT WITH **STORM** SINCE DUBAI.

IT'S LIKELY SHE'S RUNNING TO HER SIDE RIGHT NOW.

STORM'S GOING TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE...IF SHE DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW...

...AND WE'RE DOWN ONE KICK-ASS PSYCHIC TO HELP KEEP OUR MINDS PROTECTED.



IT'S ALL RIGHT.

I'VE SPENT A LIFETIME PREPARING FOR EVENTUALITIES SUCH AS THIS.

ELIZABETH WILL BE A LOSS, BUT THERE ARE **OTHER RESOURCES** TO CALL UPON.

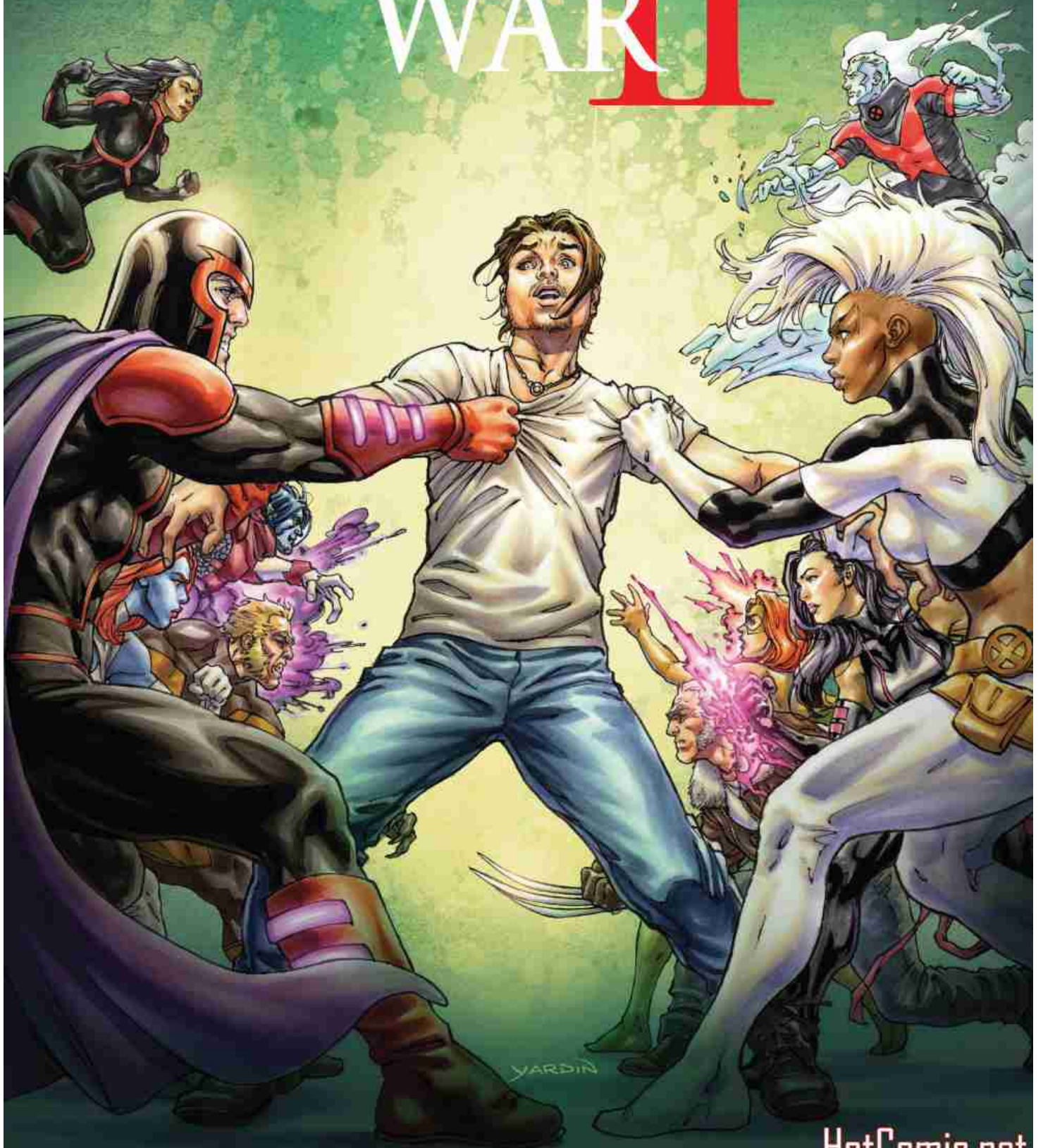
AS NIGHTCRAWLER SAID, **THE WORLD IS FULL OF PSYCHICS.**

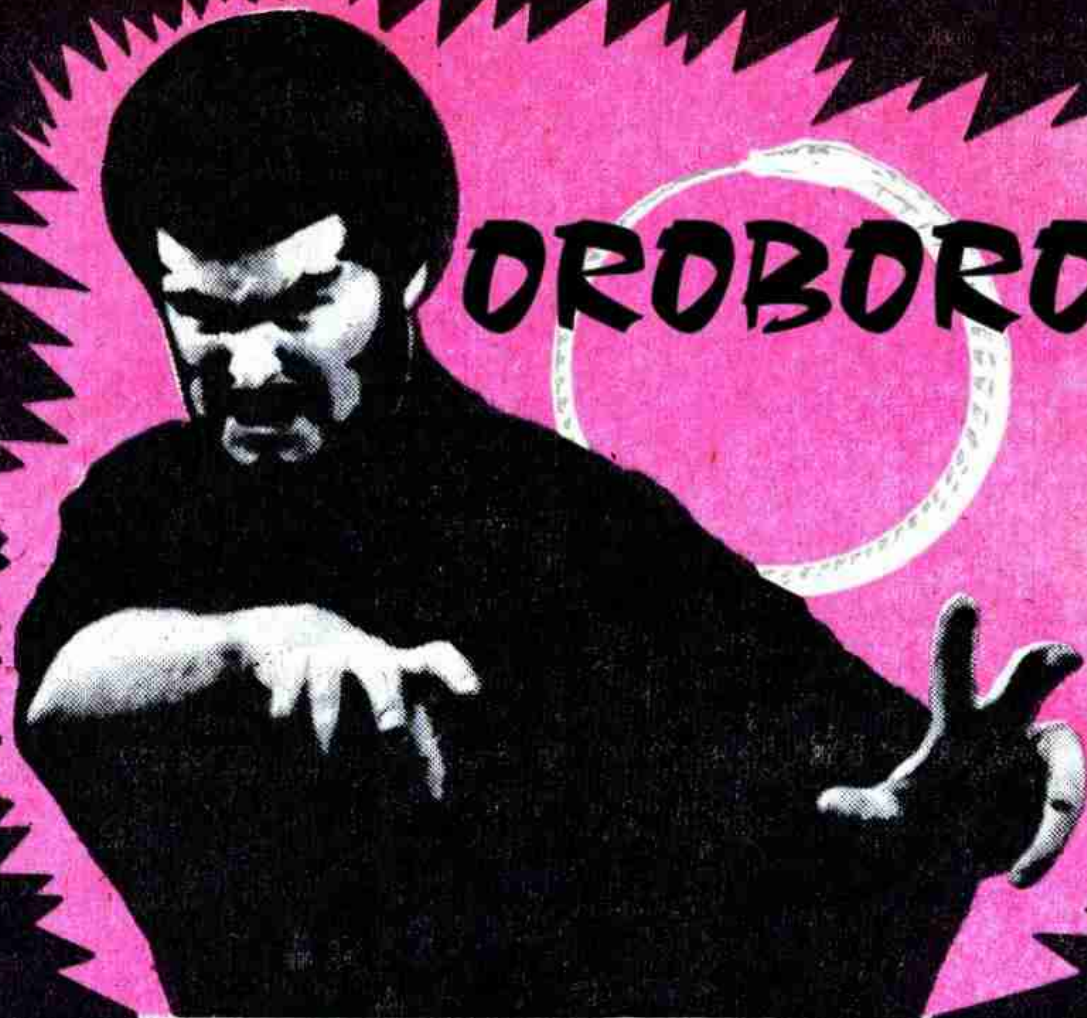


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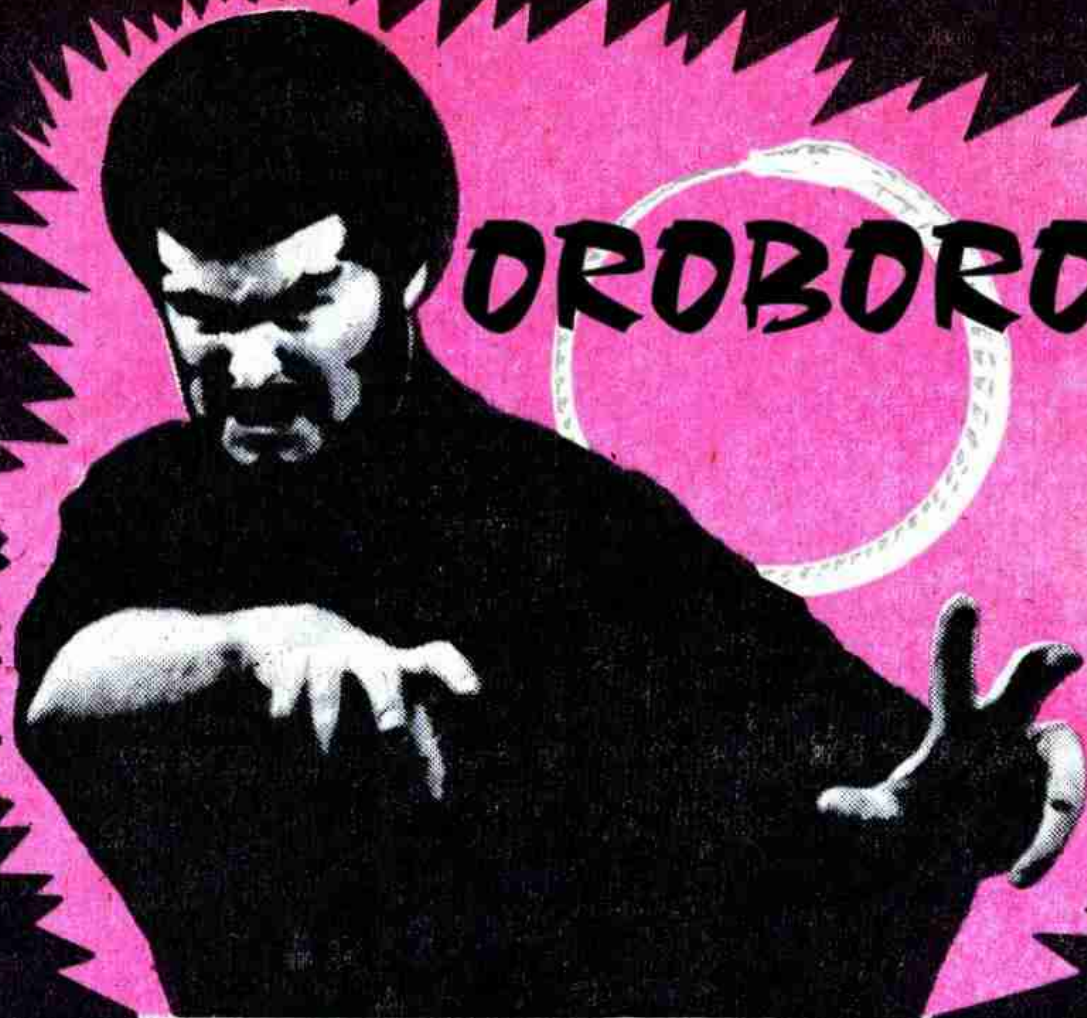
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